GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3117
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2003
IDENTIFICATION OF A NEW VIRUS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of US scientists have visited Uttar Pradesh to look into the recent cases of a deadly virus from fruit bats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said virus was identified as the Nipah Virus; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government to combat this virus?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(d): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.